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Rep. Danou: Republicans Continue Backwards Direction
Disappointed in Short-Term Vision

MADISON - Rep. Chris Danou (D-Trempealeau) issued the following statement regarding the passage of Governor Walker's Biennium Budget, Assembly Bill 40:

"For a state whose motto is 'Forward,' we sure don't seem to be moving in that direction with the Governor's budget. I can't believe how quickly we can go backward and do damage to our great state with one piece of legislation.

"I was optimistic when Governor Walker introduced his budget back in February that we would start to see signs of bipartisanship and honestly work to improve the current condition of our state. Sometimes I have to remind myself that it is 2013 and I live in Wisconsin because the priorities and the legislative agenda of the Republicans looks like something we might have seen over 40 years ago in the South.

"It baffles and frustrates me that the majority party does not have the same priorities as the majority of Wisconsin residents. There's a complete disregard for public education, disdain for quality health care, contempt for our unique natural resources, indifference to the middle-class and zero vision for the future. The people of Wisconsin deserve better than this.

"Clearly, we have work to do to improve the economic condition here in Wisconsin. Most other states, including all of our Midwestern neighbors seem to have figured out how to get back on track and move in the right direction. Unfortunately for the people of Wisconsin, we are falling even farther behind with this budget because it does nothing to create jobs or improve our quality of life."

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